THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The onland basins of Cauvery and West Bengal are being explored under the Intensive Integrated Exploration Programme (IIEP) as per the agreement on economic and technical cooperation between USSR and India.

Minor indication of oil reserves have been encountered in few wells in onland Cauvery basin. No commercial reserves of hydrocarbons have been found in the West Bengal basin. As far as Bombay basin is concerned, ONGC has already established oil reserves of 609.9 million tonnes of oil and 498.6 billion cubic metres of gas in the Bombay Offshore basin as on 1.1.90.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) In the Cauvery and West Bengal basins the exploration is being carried out in collaboration with a Soviet Company. In the Bombay basin it is being done by ONGC alone.

(d) As per the main terms and conditions of the contract the Soviet side is to carry out seismic survey, seismic data processing and interpretation to generate drillable prospects for taking up exploratory drilling, with the objective of Intensive Integrated Exploration for hydrocarbons in the mutually agreed areas of the Cauvery and West Bengal basins.

(e) Apart from the exploration programme of the State Oil Companies a proposal to invite companies to explore the oil and gas in India in the Fourth Round Building to increase the pace of exploration is under the consideration of Government.

Statement

The total expenditure incurred on Exploration upto 31.3.90 in respect of Cauvery Basin, West Bengal Basin and Bombay Basin is given below:--

(Rs. in Crores)

Exploration	*Expenditure*
(i) *Cauvery Basin:*	
Onshore . . .	82·81
Offshore . . .	276·49
	359·30
(ii) *West Bengal Basin:*	
Onshore . . .	162·93
Offshore . . .	74·60
	237·53
(iii) *Bombay Basin (BOP):*	
Offshore . . .	894·91
Onshore . . .	..

The above expenditure does not include expenditure on Survey.

Protest by Delhi Unit of NSUI against CBSE decision

*27. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Unit of National Students Union of India staged a dharna on the 8th February, 1991 at the Prime Minister's House demanding the withdrawal of the decision of the CBSE to the effect that all students appearing for the Senior School Certificate Examinations have to pass in all papers, since a lot of their time was lost during the anti reservation stir; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b) A number of school students along with their guardians partcipated in a Dharna organised by the Delhi Unit of the National Students Union of India at the Prime Minister's House on February 8, 1991. They presented a Memorandum to the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education) and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for withdrawing the decision of the CBSE that the candidates appearing in the Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations conducted by the CBSE from March, 1991 would be required to pass in 5 subjects instead of 4.

2. According to the CBSE, in response to an earlier representation made by a section of Delhi School students to the CBSE in December 1990, the Examination Committee of the Board considered the demand and concluded that for academic reasons and by virtue of the fact that the students who would be appearing in the Senior Secondary school Certificate Examination in March 1991, knew for more than 1½ years in advance that they would have to pass in 5 subjects instead of 4 and the schools have been teaching courses accordingly, there was no need to go back on its decision. After due examination of all aspects of the matter Government finds itself in agreement with the position taken by CBSE.

Complaints against LPG distribution of Tripura

*28. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints from LPG consumers in Tripura received by Government during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what are the details of action initiated against the dealers/distributors on the basis of these complaints, yearwise; and

(c) whether there is any machinery to look into the entire distribution network in Tripura; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The number of complaints from LPG consumers of Tripura during the last 3 years is as follows:—

Year	No. of complaints
1988-89	18
1989-90	35
1990-91 . . . . . (upto January, 1991)	56

(b) All the complaints are investigated and wherever the charges are established appropriate action is taken against the erring distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the dealership agreement.

(c) The field staff of the Indian Oil Corporation and Assam Oil Division of IOC monitor the distribution of LPG in the State. Besides a customer service cell also operates at the Indian area office for attending to such complaints.

Inclusion of drugs under price control

*29. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Standing Committee appointed by his Ministry to identify the anomalies and discrepancies in drug prices is likely to submit its recommendations to Government;